[President.]

regard to what takes place in the House. As a special concession, I shall ask those Government members who answer the questions in English to give a brief summary in Malayalam for the information of the other members who do not know English. But in the case of European members they are exempted from this.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : Sir, what about the Indian members who do not know Malayalam ?

President : They are also exempted like the European members.

Defalcation in the Excise Co-operative Society.

29. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** (*Muvatupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any defalcation from the Co-operative Society for the servants of the Excise Department ;

(*b*) the amount misappropriated and the remedial measures taken thereon ; and

(*c*) whether the culprits have been exemplarily punished, and if so, how ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The subject-matter of the interpellation is *sub-judice*.

(The answer was also given in Malayalam.)

Mr. E. P. Varghese (*Nominated*) : May I know the name of the person who was accused in the case ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The subject matter of the interpellation is *sub-judice*, and as such the details cannot be given.

Lands under cardamom cultivation.

30. *** Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state the area of lands under cardamom cultivation and the percentage that Travancoreans have in it ?

Mr. K. George : 49,246·20 acres. 7·04 per cent.

(The answer was also given in Malayalam.)

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഇനിയെങ്കിലും വിദേശികൾക്കു ഏലകൃഷിക്കു സ്ഥലം പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. George : വിദേശികൾക്കു് സ്ഥലം പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാറില്ല.

Improvement of the Lalam-Todupuzha Road.

31. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) to how many feet there is an ascent or descent of one foot at Nellappara in the Lalam-Todupuzha road ;

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(*b*) the amount sanctioned for the maintenance per mile of similar roads in the High Range and the amounts sanctioned for the maintenance per mile of the said road ; and

(*c*) whether there are points on this dangerous road where it is not possible for motor-buses coming from opposite directions to cross each other?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) The gradients of the Lalam-Todupuzha road at Nellappara (11/8 and 12/1) are 1 in 12 to 1 in 13 and at turnings they range between 1 in 8 and 1 in 9 for very short distances.

(*b*) Rs. 200 for Lalam-Todupuzha road ; Rs. 300 for similar roads in the High Ranges.

(*c*) Yes, in certain places.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഹൈറേഞ്ചിലെ റോഡുകളിൽ മെയിൻറനൻസിന് മൈലൊന്നിന അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള തുകയുന്നാടെന്ന അറിയാമൊ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : For similar roads in the High Ranges the amount sanctioned by Government is Rs. 300 per mile. It is a question of availability of funds.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള വിഷമങ്ങളെക്കൂടി പരിഹരിച്ചുതരണമെന്ന മെമ്പർ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടൊ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I have answered it already. It is a question of availability of funds.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള മെയിൻറനൻസിന്റെ തുക കുറേക്കൂടി വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കണമെന്ന മെമ്പർവിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടൊ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : We will do what we can.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ബസ്സുകൾക്കു സഞ്ചരിക്കുന്നതിന് സാധിക്കാത്തവിധത്തിൽ ഉർഘടമായ സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ അവിടെയുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No, Sir.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : അധികം താമസിയാതെ തന്നെ ഈ റോഡുകളെ ഒന്നു പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിന മെമ്പർക്കു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : This will be considered if I have an opportunity.

Murder cases in the Minachil taluk.

32. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the largest number of murder cases in Travancore is in the Minachil taluk ;

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